

# STUDY ORDERED ON CITY-WIDE WATER PLAN

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### PAINT PLANT ZONING GETS CITY'S OKAY

City Council cleared the way this week for construction of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's multi-million dollar Torrance paint plant with the approval of a zoning variance on the 15-acre site fronting on Crenshaw boulevard west of the Pacific Electric shops.

There were no protests, oral or written, and the Council was unanimous in approving the City

### Plant Site Is Now in Escrow

Escrow proceedings were opened Monday by Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Paint Division, to purchase 15 acres for a paint factory on Crenshaw boulevard opposite the Pacific Electric Shops, according to J. O. Glorvick, assistant superintendent of the Paint Division.

Planning Commission's action in granting the variance, which will permit an immediate start of construction.

The Pittsburgh Company's paint division is purchasing from the railroad and the CCMO approximately 15 acres in Lot 8, according to a letter received by City Attorney C. Douglas Smith from CCMO and the Santa Fe company.

"We are not planting this 15-acre tract to mustard as we are the remainder of our industrial property in this area," the letter continued, "as we understand the Pittsburgh Company proposes to start construction in the very near future."

"This industry, of course, will be of substantial benefit to the City of Torrance."

### Girl on Mend After 3-Hour Surgery Here

After being listed as extremely critical for four days, 10-year-old Joyce Taylor, fifth grade pupil at the Halldale School, was recovering at Torrance Memorial Hospital today from a decompressed compound skull fracture which she sustained last Saturday when she was thrown from a horse near her home, 1416 West 220th street.

Joyce underwent three-hours of surgery last week by a Mayo Brothers brain specialist, Dr. Frank E. Polmeteer, who performed a corrective operation to her skull where she was kicked after being thrown from the horse.

The child, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Taylor, was riding the family's pet horse at her home when the accident occurred.

Dr. Kurt Sherry, attending physician, stated that the girl's response to the operation was remarkable.

Joyce recently transferred to the Halldale School from the Lomita Elementary School.

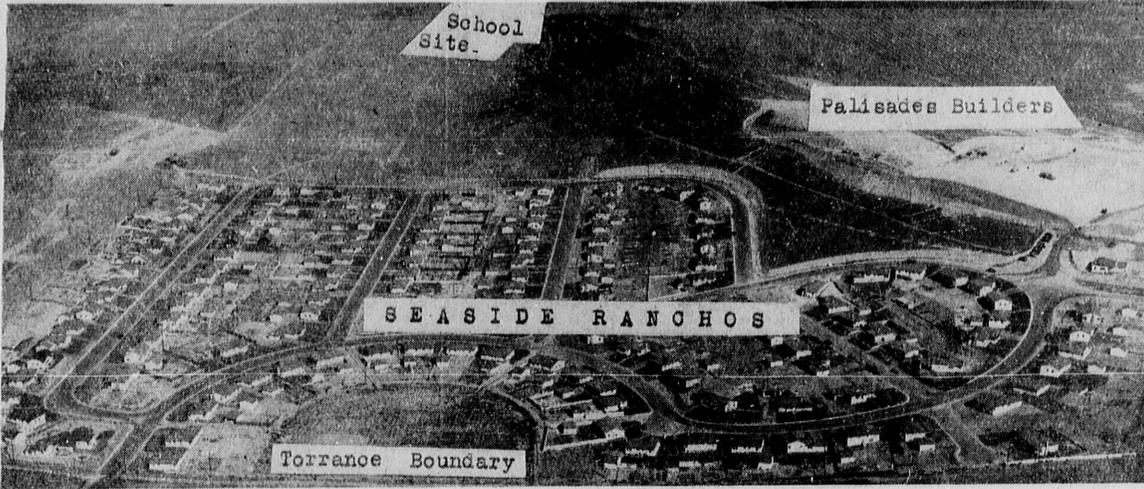
### Won't Predict Anything Now, Says the WM

"Nation Upsets Public Opinion Polls as Truman Sweeps to Victory," was the headline on the newspaper the Weather Man was reading when we dropped in on him yesterday.

"See this, young man," he said pointing to the banner line. "Even a fish wouldn't get in trouble if he kept his mouth shut. I learned that a long time ago about predicting weather," he added as he reached for a sheet of paper.

"If you want to do any predicting you can use this, but don't go asking me for any predictions—especially about the weather—or elections."

Nov.	Maximum	Minimum
1	65	52
2	70	53
3	78	53
4	80	51
5	82	51
6	82	48
7	82	48
8	82	48
9	82	48



NEW DEVELOPMENTS—Location of the newest elementary school site and the city's newest subdivision is shown in this aerial photograph, looking due east over Seaside Ranchos. Highway 101 is at the extreme right, just outside the aerial camera's field of view. Site of the new school, which was inspected by

the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Wednesday afternoon, is approximately 1200 feet easterly of the present easterly line of Seaside Ranchos. Palisades Builders' subdivision now is under development as shown, with issuance of additional permits this week.

### More Homes

#### Torrance Building for Year Crowds \$7,000,000 Figure

Torrance building permits were crowding the \$7,000,000 mark for the year—more than a half million dollars ahead of 1947—with the issuance this week of \$90,500 in new residential permits for the second group of dwellings in the Palisades Builders rental-purchase project on highway 101.

October building valuation in Torrance totaled \$741,922, practically all of it residential, and brought the actual total for the year ending Oct. 31 to \$6,879,850.

Last year's total for the same period was only \$6,118,798.

Permits were taken out during October to build 34 duplexes, 63 single-family dwellings, 55 for non-residence buildings such as garages and poultry houses, and 13 permits were issued for alterations.

The number of permits issued for 1948, up to Oct. 31, was given by Inspector John Patrick as 1435, as compared with 1061 last year.

Permits issued within the last week are as follows: K. L. Christofferson, 3516 Emerald street, poultry house, \$2500. Walter W. Rowland, 1742 Watson street, addition to residence, \$1500. Saul G. Koch, 1309 Post avenue, alterations, \$250.

Elva Howell, 703 Border avenue, 608 Portola avenue, and 612 Portola avenue, termite repairs, \$375.

Wanda Dunn, 3618 Short street, residence, \$2500. Bernard

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FOR YOUTH—Torrance Police hoist street banner to call attention to their 11th Annual Vaudeville Show Dec. 3. Proceeds will bolster police-sponsored youth activity. Officers in the photo are left to right: Capt. Ernie Ashton, Patrolmen Gale Whitacre, and H. M. Porter. (Herald Photo).

### No Armistice Day Program Planned Here

Torrance citizens on Armistice Day will make visits to the cemeteries where lie the heroic dead who have fallen in military service of the nation, but there will be no special public program locally.

Bus service will be provided at approximately half-hour intervals by the municipal system, the same schedule as on Saturdays, for the convenience of local residents who wish to visit cemeteries where fathers, sons or daughters who were in the war lie buried.

### Workers for Red Feather Drive Report

First reports on the Torrance Community Chest campaign came in early this week following the kick-off meeting last week at the Civic auditorium.

Figures show that volunteers so far have raised \$1230 or 6.7 per cent of the total goal in Torrance of \$18,430.

These reports are largely the result of the work of the Advance Gifts and Establishments divisions who began their solicitation in ahead of the residential and business volunteers, according to B. T. Whitney, campaign chairman.

One example of the part that industry is playing in the campaign came when it was announced by Whitney that the Pacific Smelting Co., 22219 South Western avenue, has doubled its contribution over last year.

Declared Maurice Schwartz, general manager: "I feel that industry has a definite responsibility for the health and welfare of the community in which it operates. In my opinion, a contribution to the Community Chest with its consolidated campaign for 150 agencies is one of the best investments we can make."

Whitney this week asked Torrance citizens to make their gifts promptly when the volunteer calls in order to avoid call backs.

"Several hundred of our neighbors are spending many hours in this campaign because they believe in the agencies which serve us. They deserve cooperation," he said.

### Crenshaw Jog Will Go Soon

A 100-foot strip of right-of-way to permit removal of the jog in Crenshaw boulevard at 190th street was purchased from Jack and Saul Koch Tuesday night by the Torrance City Council.

### New \$1,500,000 Conduit Plant Now Feeds Electrical Industry

Another new Torrance industry now is in regular production making a vitally-needed item for the electrical industry with the formal opening of the Andersen-Carlson Manufacturing Company in a former war plant on 213th street where millions of rounds of ammunition were manufactured during World War II.

### Airport Bids Due Shortly

Bids for management of Zamparini Field, Torrance's municipal airport, will be formally requested shortly by the City Council, it was decided Tuesday night.

Entire operation of the field is to be turned over to the highest bidder, and the city will receive a percentage of gross proceeds.

A master plan for development of the field has been prepared by City Engineer George Stevens, under which the city retains a parcel of land between the runways and Highway 101.

### Dr. Harrison Will Receive Signal Honor

William Justin Harrison, M. D., of 2805 Torrance boulevard, Torrance, has been notified of his selection as an Associate Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, United States chapter.

This signal honor will be given the Doctor at the 13th Annual Assembly and Convocation of the United States Chapter in St. Louis, Missouri, Nov. 15-19. Over 4000 surgeons from all parts of the world are expected to attend.

The International College of Surgeons was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, and has chapters throughout the world. The largest is the United States chapter, and its meeting in St. Louis promises to be unique in medical history.

Dr. Roland M. Klemme of St. Louis, General Chairman of the Assembly, announced that 11 of the 64 surgeons who will present scientific papers are from as many foreign countries, and 18 different states are sending their top surgeons to complete the roster.

COLUMBIA TRANSFER United States Steel Supply Company soon will be ready to serve steel users in the Pacific Northwest from warehouses at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. L. B. Worthington, president of United States Steel's warehousing subsidiary, announced today. Columbia Steel company, another U. S. Steel subsidiary, will transfer to the Supply Company its Portland and Seattle warehouse plants.

### Council Directs Legal Counsel to Prepare Report

Stern warning that steps must be taken promptly to insure the installation of a more adequate water distribution system for the city, as well as to simplify the administration of the water department, was given the Torrance Water Board this week by Supt. William H. Stanger.

### OIL WELL ORDINANCE APPROVED

The city's new ordinance regulating the drilling and operation of oil wells and appurtenant structures in the city passed its first reading by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

Vote of the council was unanimous. The ordinance governs the maintenance and abandonment of wells and provides that sup holes be declared a nuisance and abated. Costs of abatement may be made a lien against the property.

A fee of \$50 is to be required to drill a well within the city, and a bond must be posted to guarantee clearing of the property when the well is abandoned.

Answering objections from Richard Fenton, representing the California Stripper Well Association, City Attorney C. Douglas Smith said that meetings were held with every group concerned although the city was under no obligation.

Councilman George Powell also answered Fenton's plea for time to study the ordinance before its adoption, saying that it embodied the best features of ordinances in force in Signal Hill and Long Beach, and was "more than fair."

### Mickcox Heads Lions; Works on Yule Party

W. B. Mickcox, of Torrance National Bank, last week assumed the office of president of Torrance Lions Club succeeding to the office vacated by the resignation of W. T. Greene former owner of Torrance Time Shop, due to ill health.

Two new directors have been elected, Paul Diamond of the Gay Shop and George Colburn, local grocer. Other officers of the Lions Club are Dr. Don C. Moshos, first vice president; Albert Ewalt, second vice president; Frank S. Selover, secretary-treasurer; A. G. Schilling, lion tamer; Hubert Lowery, tall twister; Capt. L. R. Winters and Milton Isbell, directors, and Albert Isen, immediate past president.

Mickcox announced that the Lions Club is getting ready for the annual Lions Christmas party for the children of Torrance. Preparations are being made to stage a big show and give candy, fruit and nuts to some 2500 children of the community on a day immediately before Christmas. Santa Claus will be there, and the Fire and

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### Education Week

#### More Than 500 Townspeople Expected at School Reception

Arrangements were being completed today for the city's reception for the teaching staff of the Torrance public schools, to be held next Monday evening at the high school gymnasium. More than 500 townspeople are expected to attend, including faculty members.

Room mothers from the five Torrance schools are to be hostesses, and will greet visitors and supervise serving of refreshments. Principals from the five schools will be introduced to the parents during the reception.

Instrumental numbers will be provided by the Torrance Evening High School orchestra, and by the Mother Singers class.

The orchestra members are: Daniel Bessmer, Arthur Birmingham, Mary Burton, Evelyn Coles, Jack Croly, Charles Graf, J. Henrich Hill, Mrs. Byron Johnson, Bill Maloy, C. A. Mewborn, Doris Rose, Harold Rose, Evelyn Schlenker, Ruth Shellman, Stan-

ley Stanton, Joe Tedesco, Gerald Thompson and Joe West.

The Mother Singers are members of the Evening School class and are directed by Anthony Vazzana. Members of this group are: Marcella Albers, Dorothea Balloch, Elizabeth Cowie, Wilma Croly, Norma Dobrick, Mrs. W. C. Graham, Lois Gangwer, Marjorie Hagen, Neva Harshaw, Gladys Houston, Mrs. Homer Howe, Catherine Lafferty, Velma Mann, Nadine Nickel, Eula Farmer, Winifred Ruppel, Geneva Sheffield, Hattie Smith, Mrs. Henry Van Bellehen, Irving Winther, Mrs. C. L. Witmer, Jessie Wood, Grace Wright and Opal Kendig.

The reception has been arranged by members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee and Torrance Council. First District Parent Teacher Association. All residents are cordially invited, according to Mrs. W. E. Bowen, P-TA District president.

"It is my opinion that the three present water districts should be consolidated and that the remainder of the city also should be served by this single system," Stanger told the board. "I believe this is the only way the city can develop and expand as it should."

"Under the existing set-up the city will never be able to realize its full potentialities, for while Torrance Municipal Improvement District, which has been in operation for 12 years, has acquired a surplus and is on a firm working basis, the other two districts are not."

"The Waleria and North Torrance water districts do not have sufficient revenue coming in to build up a surplus nor to make extensions of any kind, and the money in their bond issues has been practically all expended for system improvements."

Neither Waleria nor North Torrance have any water storage facilities, nor do they have equipment of any kind except for one old truck owned by the Waleria district.

Consequently it is up to the parent district to provide the use of such equipment as re-

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### Aerial Shots of 5 Points Under Study

Aerial photographs of three of Torrance's complicated intersections are being studied this week by Chief Engineer E. E. East and highway experts for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Engineer East made a personal inspection of the city's intersections last week, starting with Five Points—Carson, Cabrillo and Cravens, in company with George Stevens, city engineer.

The next intersection was the junction of Cabrillo avenue with Torrance boulevard, 213th street and El Prado, which is complicated by the rail line which swings into Border avenue.

Similarly complicated is the intersection of Torrance boulevard with Cabrillo, Sartori, Border and Guadalupe. Regional Planning Commission engineers also have been asked to study the intersections.



HONORED — Dr. William J. Harrison, Torrance physician who will be honored by the International College of Surgeons next week in St. Louis.